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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the regulation of electric scooters by cities
2 and providing a penalty.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. Section 321.1, Code 2007, is amended by adding
1 2 the following new subsection:
1 3 NEW SUBSECTION. 20C. "Electric scooter" means a tandem
1 4 two-wheeled device that is designed to be stood upon or sat
1 5 upon by the operator, with handlebars for steering control,
1 6 and powered by an electric motor that is capable of propelling
1 7 the device with or without human propulsion. "Electric
1 8 scooter" also means a device powered by an electric motor and
1 9 designed with a single seat for the operator mounted on a
1 10 three-wheeled or four-wheeled platform, with controls on a
1 11 column positioned in front of the seat. "Electric scooter"
1 12 does not include a motorcycle, motorized bicycle, motor
1 13 scooter, or all-terrain vehicle. An electric scooter is not a
1 14 motor vehicle for purposes of this chapter.

1 15 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 321.246 ELECTRIC SCOOTERS ==
1 16 OPERATION ON CITY STREETS == PENALTY.
1 17 1. The governing body of a city may allow and regulate the
1 18 operation of electric scooters on city streets by persons
1 19 possessing a valid driver's license. An electric scooter
1 20 operated on a city street shall be equipped with adequate
1 21 brakes and shall meet any other safety requirements imposed by
1 22 the governing body. Electric scooters are not subject to the
1 23 registration provisions of this chapter.
1 24 2. A person convicted of a violation of this section is
1 25 guilty of a simple misdemeanor punishable as a scheduled
1 26 violation under section 805.8A, subsection 3, paragraph "f".
1 27 Sec. 3. Section 805.8A, subsection 3, paragraph f, Code
1 28 2007, is amended to read as follows:
1 29 f. For violations under sections 321.234A, 321.246,
1 30 321.247, 321.381, and 321.381A, the scheduled fine is fifty
1 31 dollars.

EXPLANATION

1 32 This bill authorizes a city to allow and regulate the
1 33 operation of electric scooters on streets within the city.
1 34 The bill provides a definition of "electric scooter" that
2 1 includes a tandem two-wheeled device stood upon or sat upon by
2 2 the operator and controlled by means of handlebars. The
2 3 definition also includes a device with a single seat for the
2 4 operator mounted on a three-wheeled or four-wheeled platform
2 5 and facing a control column.

2 6 The bill specifies that a person operating an electric
2 7 scooter on city streets must be a licensed driver. The
2 8 electric scooter must be equipped with adequate brakes and
2 9 meet any other safety requirements imposed by the city.
2 10 Electric scooters are not subject to vehicle registration with
2 11 the department of transportation.

2 12 The bill provides that a person who violates the electric
2 13 scooter provisions commits a simple misdemeanor punishable by
2 14 a scheduled fine of \$50.

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